(b) Yes, Sir. NCCF stopped dealing with M/s. Oswal Agro Mills thereafter.

(c) and (d) A complaint against the Assistant Manager of NCCF has been received and it is under investigation by NCCF.

Irregularities in the sale of Bardana in Bhiwani Branch of NCCF

2213. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pending investigation by the CBI in the case relating to irregularities in the sale of Bardana in Bhiwani Branch of N.C.C.F. an Assistant Manager-II was transferred from Delhi to Patna after initially imposing a minor penalty in the departmental enquiry; whether the CBI has concluded its investigation and if so, the details thereof; if not, what action is proposed to be taken by NCCF against the involved Assistant Manager;

(b) whether it is also a fact that said Assistant Manager was transferred from Patna to Calcutta and from Patna to Jaipur for his alleged involvement in scandalous deals while working in Patna;

(c) whether it is a fact that the said Assistant Manager now working in Jaipur Branch has been allegedly involved in large scale corruption/malpractices in the disposal of Janata Handloom products to Primary Cooperatives of Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken against the involved Assistant Manager?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) The case relating to irregularities in the sale of Bardana in the Bhiwani Branch of NCCF was referred by the Department of Civil Supplies to the CBI initially in December, 1986 for investigation. The CBI, however, did not take up the investigation for some reasons. They were again requested by the Department of Civil Supplies in March, 1987 to reconsider their stand and accept the case for investigatin. The CBI ultimately returned the case in May, 1987 on the plea that the employees of the NCCF were not public servants within the meaning of Section 21 of the Indian Penal Code which disabled them from undertaking investigation into the allegations. The NCCF had earlier initiated disciplinary actions against the Assistant Manager-II and issued charge-sheet on 25.2.84. After the completion of the departmental proceedings, a minor penalty of withholding two annual increments with cumulative effect was imposed on him on 3.8.1987. He was also transferred out from Delhi to Patna.

(b) No, Sir. The Assistant Manager-II was issued a transfer order on 4.4.1989 by the Regional Manager (East) of NCCF posting him from Patna to Calcutta, for administrative grounds. He represented against this order to the Head Office, which modified the transfer order on 27.4.89 posting him to Jaipur.

(c) No complaint has come to notice.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (c).

Setting up of sugar mills in Maharashtra in Co-operative sector

2214. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the replies to Unstarred Questions 457 and 555 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, and state:

(a) what is the number of pending sugar factory projects for the clearance of licences; and

(b) what is the total number of Co-operative Sugar Factories Project from Maharashtra pending for the clearance of necessary licences and what step Government would take to clear such licences and by when?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) and (b) 108 applications

for grant of Letters of Intent/Licences for setting up of new sugar factories in the country are pending with the Union Government, (as on 23.3.90) of which 29 pertain to Maharashtra State-all in Co-operative Sector. The decision on these applications is likely to be taken shortly.

Covering of Nullah in Laxmibai Nagar

2215. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increase in flies and mosquitoes and incidence of malaria caused by the big open Nullah passing through Laxmibai Nagar, a Government colony in New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what preventive steps have been taken in this regard by Government and to speed up the construction work to cover big open nullah in order to control the above menace?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The NDMC has reported that the increase in mosquitoes and flies is seasonal. To combat this menace anti larval work and pre-monsoon deweeding are regularly done. Plans for covering the nullah in a phased manner over the next two years have already been finalised.

हरियाणा में दलितों पर किये गये अत्याचारों के प्रति विरोध

2216. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 11 जनवरी, 1990 को, दि टाइम्स आफ इंडिया, में "प्रोटेस्ट अगेंस्ट एट्रासिटीज आन हरियाणा दलित" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने हरियाणा में दलितों और समाज के पिछड़े वर्गों से सम्बन्ध रखने वाले व्यक्तियों पर होने वाले अत्याचारों के बारे में जानकारी प्राप्त की है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) दलितों और पिछड़े वर्गों से संबंधित लोगों को समुचित सुरक्षा उपलब्ध कराने के लिए सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाए हैं ?

अन्न और कल्याण मंत्री (श्री भार शिवाजी पाटील) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) हरियाणा राज्य सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि 11 जनवरी, 1990 को "दि टाइम्स आफ इंडिया" में प्रकाशित घटना हरियाणा राज्य की स्थानीय पुलिस के ध्यान में नहीं आई है।

(घ) पीड़ितों जिनमें काफी संख्या में अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति के सदस्य हैं, पर अत्याचारों के निवारण, अत्याचार करने वाले अपराधियों को दण्ड देने तथा उन्हें राहत और पुनर्वास प्रदान करने के लिए एहतियाती, दण्डात्मक तथा पुनर्वासात्मक स्वरूप के उपायों के रूप में व्यापक दिशानिर्देश हैं जिनका राज्य सरकारों तथा संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासन को पालन करना होता है।

भारत सरकार ने हाल ही में एक नया विधान "अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति (अत्याचार निवारण) अधिनियम 1989" बनाया है और यह 30-1-1990 को लागू हो गया है। अधिनियम में विशेष न्यायालयों तथा विशेष लोक अभियोजकों जैसा कारगर तंत्र प्रदान किया गया है और अपराधों में शीघ्र मुकदमा चलाने और अत्याचार करने वाले व्यक्तियों तथा सरकारी कर्मचारियों, जो अपने कर्तव्य की अवहेलना करते हैं, को कठोर दण्ड देने की व्यवस्था है। राज्य सरकारों को जहां कहीं, दिन-प्रतिदिन के मुकदमों के लिए आवश्यक हो, विशिष्ट न्यायालय प्रदान